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Appl. No.: 09/701,031 Group: 1646

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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING VIRUS-SAFE
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

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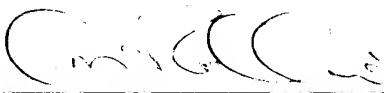
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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated May 17, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 18-24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-In order to prevent the binding of biologically active proteins, such as IFN-, to filters, filter containers and the surfaces, stabilizers are typically added to solutions containing the purified biologically active protein. In addition to the above short-term stabilizing effect, stabilizers will also prevent aggregation of the proteins and, thus, provide extended